

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **VICE-CHAIRMAN AUBYN CURTISS**, on January 13, 2003 at 3:02 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Shirley Herrin, Committee Secretary
Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch

Please Note:

Video-taped Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 71, 1/8/2003; SB 78,
1/8/2003; SB 84, 1/8/2003
Executive Action: SB 84, SB 71,

HEARING ON SB 84

Sponsor: SENATOR VICKI COCCHIARELLA, SD 32, Missoula

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:02 SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA opened on SB 84 - "Remove requirement that Board of Oil and Gas report to Rev. and Trans. Interim Comm".

Proponents' Testimony:

3:05 Tom Richmond, MT DNRC

3:07 Gail Abercrombie, MT Petroleum Assoc.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:08 SENATOR TASH questioned Gail Abercrombie

Closing by Sponsor:

3:09 SENATOR COCCHIARELLA closed on SB 84.

HEARING ON SB 71

Sponsor: SENATOR GREG BARKUS, SD 39, KALISPELL

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:10 SEN. GREG BARKUS opened on SB 71 - "Revise woodstove certification standards"

Proponents' Testimony:

3:12 Debra Wolfe, MT Dept of Environment Quality

EXHIBIT (nas06a01)

3:16 Riley Johnson, NW Hearth Products Assoc.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:19 SENATOR PERRY questioned Riley Johnson

3:21 SENATOR MC GEE questioned Debra Wolfe

3:24 SENATOR ELLINGSON questioned Debra Wolfe

Closing by Sponsor:

3:26 SENATOR BARKUS closed on SB 71.

HEARING ON SB 78

Sponsor: SENATOR BEA MC CARTHY, SD 29, Anaconda

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:26 **SENATOR MC CARTHY** opened on SB 78 - "Define 'final agency action' under MEPA".

Proponents' Testimony:

3:29 Tom Schultz, Administrator, MT DNRC

3:30 John Youngberg, MT Farm Bureau

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:31 SENATOR TOOLE questioned John Youngberg

3:33 SENATOR TOOLE questioned SENATOR MC CARTHY

Closing by Sponsor:

3:35 **SENATOR MC CARTHY** closed on SB 78.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 84

Motion/Vote: **SEN. MCGEE** moved that **SB 84 DO PASS**. **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 71

Motion: **SEN. MCGEE** moved that **SB 71 DO PASS** and moved the amendment SB007101.ak1. **EXHIBIT(nas06a02)** Discussion was held on the amendment. The **motion on the amendment carried**. **Motion/Vote:** **SEN. MCGEE** moved that **SB 71 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:39 P.M.

SEN. BILL TASH, Chairman

SHIRLEY HERRIN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (nas06aad)